

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**July 2013 – Week 1**

**Air Date: June 30 – July 6 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: THE FOLK SAINT**

JULY 1907 AND A TEXAS FOLK SAINT BELONGS TO THE AGES.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JULY 3, 1907. FALFURRIAS. BORN IN GUADALAJARA, PEDRO JARAMILLO HAS A SPECIAL GIFT. AFTER HE CURED HIS BROKEN NOSE BY LAYING IN MUD, HE HEARD A VOICE SAYING GOD HAD GIVEN HIM THE GIFT OF HEALING.

THERE WERE FEW DOCTORS ALONG THE TEXAS BORDER WHEN HE ARRIVED IN 1881.

APPEARING AS A SIMPLE PEASANT, JARAMILLO TRAVELED FROM RANCH TO RANCH ATOP A DONKEY AND HIS LEGEND AS A CURANDERO, OR FAITH HEALER, GREW.

MANY CAME TO HEAR HIS OFTEN UNIQUE PRESCRIPTIONS, BUT HE NEVER CHARGED A FEE. MOST DONATIONS WERE GIVEN TO THE POOR.

TODAY, DON PEDRITO DIED AND WAS BURIED IN THE OLD RANCH CEMETERY. HIS RESTING PLACE IS NOW A SHRINE, STILL VISITED BY THOSE IN NEED FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THE “FOLK SAINT OF FALFURRIAS” DIED 106 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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